EXHIBIT B

Kaup Declaration

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:) Chapter 1	1
FRANCHISE GROUP, INC., et al., 1) Case No.	24-12480 (LSS)
Debtors.) (Jointly A	Administered)
)	

DECLARATION OF
ERIC W. KAUP IN SUPPORT OF
DEBTORS' APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER
(I) AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT
OF HILCO DILIGENCE SERVICES, LLC AS FIELD EXAMINER
FOR THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS IN POSSESSION EFFECTIVE
AS OF FEBRUARY 10, 2025, (II) WAIVING CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS
IMPOSED BY LOCAL RULE 2016-1, AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

I, Eric W. Kaup, hereby state and declare as follows:

1. I am the EVP, CCO and Special Counsel of Hilco Trading, LLC ("<u>Hilco Trading</u>"), the managing member and parent company of Hilco Diligence Services, LLC ("Hilco"), which

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The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of their U.S. federal tax identification numbers, to the extent applicable, are Franchise Group, Inc. (1876), Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC (1225), Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc. (2436), Freedom Receivables II, LLC (4066), Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc. (0028), Freedom VCM Interco, Inc. (3661), Freedom VCM, Inc. (3091), Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC (0444), American Freight FFO, LLC (5743), Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC (3068), Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC (1587), Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC (9486), Franchise Group Newco Intermediate AF, LLC (8288), American Freight Group, LLC (2066), American Freight Holdings, LLC (8271), American Freight, LLC (5940), American Freight Management Company, LLC (1215), Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC (5408), Franchise Group Newco S, LLC (1814), American Freight Franchising, LLC (1353), Home & Appliance Outlet, LLC (n/a), American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC (9573), American Freight Franchisor, LLC (2123), Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC (7836), Buddy's Newco, LLC (5404), Buddy's Franchising and Licensing LLC (9968),Franchise Intermediate V, LLC (5958), Franchise Group Newco V, LLC (9746), Franchise Group Intermediate BHF, LLC (8260), Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC (4123), Valor Acquisition, LLC (3490), Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC (3785), Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC (1168), Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC (6298), Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC (8021), Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC (8271), Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC (6590), Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC (0470), Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC (5965), Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC (2323), PSP Midco, LLC (6507), Pet Supplies "Plus", LLC (5852), PSP Group, LLC (5944), PSP Service Newco, LLC (6414), WNW Franchising, LLC (9398), WNW Stores, LLC (n/a), PSP Stores, LLC (9049), PSP Franchising, LLC (4978), PSP Subco, LLC (6489), PSP Distribution, LLC (5242), Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC (2695), Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC (7697), and Educate, Inc. (5722). The Debtors' headquarters is located at 2371 Liberty Way, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456.

has an office at 5 Revere Drive, Ste. 300, Northbrook, Illinois 60062. This declaration (this "<u>Declaration</u>") is submitted in support of the application (the "<u>Application</u>")² of the Debtors for entry of an order approving the Debtors' retention and employment of Hilco on the terms and conditions set forth in the letter agreement, effective as of February 10, 2025 (the "<u>Engagement</u> Agreement"), pursuant to sections 327(a) and 328(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 2. Except as otherwise stated in this Declaration, I have personal knowledge of or have relied upon the knowledge of others employed by Hilco with respect to the matters set forth herein.³ If called to testify, I could and would testify competently to the facts set forth herein.
- 3. Hilco has agreed to conduct a field examination of The Vitamin Shoppe and Pet Supplies Plus in connection with the Debtors' restructuring and financing efforts pursuant to the terms and conditions set forth in the Engagement Agreement.

Hilco's Qualifications

4. I believe that Hilco and the professionals that it employs are uniquely qualified to advise the Debtors in the matters for which Hilco is proposed to be employed in a cost-effective, efficient, and expert manner. Hilco is one of the world's largest and most diversified business asset appraisers and valuation advisors and has significant experience in providing field examination, appraisal, and valuation services for a variety of asset classes. Hilco routinely provides field examination services for potential borrowers in connection with both in-court and out-of-court restructurings.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

³ Certain information set forth herein relates to matters (a) contained in Hilco's books and records and (b) within the knowledge of employees of Hilco and is based on information provided by such employees.

Services to be Rendered and Professional Compensation

- 5. The scope of services to be performed by Hilco and compensation terms are set forth in the Application and the Engagement Agreement. Subject to the Court's approval, the Debtors will compensate Hilco in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and the Engagement Agreement. I believe that the Fee and Expense Structure and the related indemnity provisions are reasonable and market based. The Fee and Expense Structure appropriately reflects the nature of the services to be provided by Hilco and the fee structures typically utilized by leading field examination and appraisal firms of similar stature to Hilco for comparable engagements, both in- and out-of-court. The Fee and Expense structure is consistent with Hilco's normal and customary billing practices for cases of this size and complexity that require the level of scope and services outlined herein. Due to the transactional nature of the Services that Hilco provides, Hilco does not bill its clients on an hourly basis while performing such services. Accordingly, I believe cause exists to waive any timekeeping and reporting requirements with respect to Hilco, including pursuant to Local Rule 2016-1.
- 6. Moreover, the Fee and Expense Structure has been agreed upon by the parties on an arm's-length basis in anticipation that a substantial commitment of professional time and effort will be required of Hilco and its professionals and in light of the fact that (a) such commitment may foreclose other opportunities for Hilco and (b) the actual time and commitment required of Hilco and its professionals to perform its services hereunder may vary substantially from week-to-week and month-to-month.
- 7. I do not believe that the services that Hilco will render on behalf of the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases will be duplicative of the services performed by any other professional, including the services performed by Hilco Real Estate or Hilco Merchant Resources, under their

respective engagements. Hilco will work together with the other professionals retained by the Debtors to minimize and avoid duplication of services.

8. To the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, Hilco has not received any promises as to compensation in connection with these chapter 11 cases other than as outlined in the Engagement Agreement. Hilco has no agreement with any other entity to share any compensation received with any person other than the principals and the employees of Hilco.

Hilco's Disinterestedness

- 9. To check potential connections with the Debtors and other parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases, Hilco searched to determine whether it had any relationships with the entities identified by the Debtors and its representatives as potential parties in interest listed on **Schedule 1**, attached hereto (collectively, the "Potential Parties in Interest"). To the extent that this inquiry has revealed any connections to certain Potential Parties in Interest, those connections are listed on and described in **Schedule 2**, attached hereto.
- 10. In addition to the relationships disclosed on <u>Schedule 2</u>, and as described in the Application, the Debtors have also engaged affiliates of Hilco: (a) Hilco Real Estate and (b) Hilco Merchant Resources. Hilco Real Estate was retained by the Debtors to serve as the Debtors' real estate consultant and advisor pursuant to the Hilco Real Estate Order [Docket No. 449], and Hilco Merchant Resources was engaged by the Debtors pursuant to the GOB Order [Docket No. 132] and related consultancy agreement. I do not believe that the Debtors engagement and/or retention of Hilco Real Estate or Hilco Merchant Resources precludes Hilco from meeting the disinterestedness standard under the Bankruptcy Code.
- 11. Except as otherwise set forth herein, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief, neither Hilco nor any employee of Hilco (a) is a creditor, equity security holder or an insider

of the Debtors or (b) is or was, within two years before the Petition Date, a director, officer, or employee of any of the Debtors. In addition, none of the Hilco professionals expected to assist the Debtors in these chapter 11 cases are related or connected to any United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware, the U.S. Trustee, or any person employed in the office of the U.S. Trustee.

- 12. As part of its diverse global activities, Hilco may be involved in numerous cases, proceedings, and transactions involving many different attorneys, accountants, investment bankers, and financial consultants, some of whom may represent claimants and parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases. Further, Hilco may have in the past, and may in the future, advised and/or have been represented by several attorneys, law firms, and other professionals, some of whom may be involved in these chapter 11 cases. Finally, Hilco may have in the past, and will likely in the future, be working with or against other professionals involved in these chapter 11 cases in matters wholly unrelated to these chapter 11 cases. Based upon my current knowledge of the professionals involved in these chapter 11 cases, and to the best of my knowledge, none of these business relationships constitute interests adverse to the interests of the Debtors' estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders in matters upon which Hilco is to be employed, and none are in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- 13. The Debtors have numerous creditors and relationships with a large number of individuals and entities that may be parties in interest in these chapter 11 cases. Consequently, although every reasonable effort has been made to discover Hilco's connections with the Potential Parties in Interest, Hilco is unable to state with certainty whether any of its clients or an affiliated entity of a client holds a claim or otherwise is a party in interest in these chapter 11 cases. If Hilco

discovers any information that is contrary or pertinent to the statements made herein, Hilco will promptly disclose such information to the Court.

- 14. During the 90 days before the Petition Date, Hilco did not receive any payments.
- 15. For the reasons set forth in this Declaration, Hilco believes that it (a) is a disinterested person as defined in the Bankruptcy Code and (b) does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtors' estates.
- 16. The foregoing constitutes the statement of Hilco pursuant to section 504 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2014(a) and 5002.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct.

Dated: March 11, 2025 /s/ Eric Kaup

Eric Kaup EVP, CCO & Special Counsel, Managing MemberHILCO DILIGENCE SERVICES, LLC

Schedule 1

Potential Parties in Interest

Franchise Group, Inc. Parties In Interest List

Debtor Entities & Related Subsidiaries

American Freight FFO, LLC

American Freight Franchising, LLC

American Freight Franchisor, LLC

American Freight Group, LLC

American Freight Holdings, LLC

American Freight Management Company,

LLC

American Freight Outlet Stores, LLC

American Freight, LLC

B. Riley Receivables II, LLC

Betancourt Sports Nutrition, LLC

Buddy's Franchising and Licensing LLC

Buddy's New Co, LLC

Educate, Inc.

Franchise Group Acquisition TM, LLC

Franchise Group Intermediate AF, LLC

Franchise Group Intermediate B, LLC

Franchise Group Intermediate BHF LLC

Franchise Group Intermediate Holdco, LLC

Franchise Group Intermediate L, LLC

Franchise Group Intermediate PSP, LLC

Franchise Group Intermediate S, LLC

Franchise Group Intermediate SL, LLC

Franchise Group Intermediate V, LLC

Franchise Group New Holdco, LLC

Franchise Group Newco BHF, LLC

Franchise Group Newco PSP, LLC

Franchise Group Newco S, LLC

Franchise Group Newco SL, LLC

Franchise Group Newco V, LLC

Franchise Group, Inc.

Freedom VCM Holdings, LLC

Freedom VCM Interco Holdings, Inc.

Freedom VCM Interco, Inc.

Freedom VCM Receivables, Inc.

Freedom VCM, Inc.

Home & Appliance Outlet LLC

Pet Supplies "Plus", LLC

PSP Distribution, LLC

PSP Franchising, LLC

PSP Group, LLC

PSP Midco, LLC

PSP Service Newco, LLC

PSP Stores, LLC (Ohio)

PSP Subco, LLC

Valor Acquisition, LLC

Vitamin Shoppe Florida, LLC

Vitamin Shoppe Franchising, LLC

Vitamin Shoppe Global, LLC

Vitamin Shoppe Industries LLC

Vitamin Shoppe Mariner, LLC

Vitamin Shoppe Procurement Services, LLC

W.S. Badcock Corporation

WNW Franchising, LLC

WNW Stores, LLC

5% or Greater Equity Holders

B. Riley Private Shares 2023-2 QP, LLC

B. Riley Securities, Inc.

BRF Investments, LLC

Brian Kahn and Lauren Kahn Joint Tenants

by Entirety

Vintage Opportunity Partners, L.P.

Directors and Officers

Aaron Granger

Alissa Ahlman

Andrew Kaminsky

Andrew Laudato

Andrew M. Laurence

Anthony Block-Belmonte

Brian Hoke

Bryant R. Riley

Chris Meyer

Christopher Rowland

Daniel McNamara

Eric Seeton

Jacob Jones

Jeff Van Orden

Jeffrey Seghi

Jemma Lawrance

John Hartmann

Kenneth Miles Tedder

Lee Wright

Michael Bennett

Mike Gray

Muriel Gonzalez

Neal Panza

Norman McLeod

Peter Corsa

Philip Etter

Teresa Orth

Tiffany McMillan-McWaters

Todd Arden Todd Evans

Administrative and Collateral Agents

Alter Domus (US) LLC JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.

Significant Suppliers and Vendors

A Team Sales LLC

Affordable Furniture Mfg Inc

Alani Nutrition

American Agco (ADMC) Animal Supply Co Lone Star Animal Supply Co Wholesome Ashley Furniture Industries Inc

Brodnax Printing Company I, LLC dba

Brodnax 21c Printers California Pet Partners LLC

Capstone Nutrition

CRAMCO

Crown Mark Imports Inc

DAS LABS LLC

Elytus Ltd

Enterprise FM Trust

Flexport

Florida State Games Inc.

Garden of Life Generis Tek Inc Ghost, LLC. Gorilla Mind KFM247 LTD Kith Furniture

Korber Supply Chain US, Inc.

Lumisource, LLC

Marcone Appliance Parts Company

Mars Petcare
Media Works, Ltd.
Merrick Pet Foods Inc
Meta Platforms, Inc.

MMXXI Investments LLC

Nutrivo, LLC

ODP Business Solutions, LLC (Office

Depot)

One Stop Facilities Maintenance Corp

Optimum Nutrition

Origin

Peak Living

Phillips Lansing Facility

Planitretail LLC

Prime Hydration LLC

Pro-Form Laboratories

Quest Nutrition, LLC

Raw Sport Supplement Company

REDCON 1

Royal Canin

Ryse Up Sports Nutrition LLC

Seaboard International Forest Products LLC

Sealy Mattress Company Seminole Furniture

Steve Silver Company

Uber Freight US LLC

Velosio LLC

Vitality Works, Inc.

WEX Bank

Top Unsecured Creditors (as of 10.10.24)

Albany Industries Inc

Alphia Inc

Aquatic & Reptile - Central Garden & Pet

Arizona Nutritional Supplement

Assurant Inc.

Champion Petfoods USA

Climatic Home Products

Coyote Logistics Delta Furniture

Earth Animal Ventures

Ehplabs LLC Elanco US Inc

Elements International Group LLC

EMA Electrolux/Frigidaire Force Factor Brands LLC

GE Appliances

GE General Electric-Haier US Appliance

Google

Hartz Mountain - VMX Hill's Pet Nutrition Kong Company

Living Style (Singapore) Pte. Limited

Lowes Companies Inc M I Industries Inc

Madix Inc

Midwestern Pet Foods

Muebles Briss S.A. De C.V.(Marby) Natural Balance Pet Foods Inc

Nestle Purina Petcare Company

Open Farm Inc Order Groove Inc O'Rourke Bros., Inc. O'Rourke Sales Company

Peak Living, Inc.

Phillips Feed and Pet Supply Premier Nutrition Company, LLC Radio Systems Corporation

Sealy Mattress Manufacturing Company

Simmons Pet Food Inc Solstice Sleep Company Spectrum Brands Pet LLC Standard Furniture MFG Co Inc

Stella and Chewys LLC Surest/UnitedHealthcare Inc.

Titanic Furniture

Transform Holdco LLC (3PL)

UPS (Ocean Freight) Vitamin Well USA LLC

Wellness Pet LLC

Weruva International Inc

Whirlpool

Zinatex Imports, Inc

Landlords & Lessors

103rd Street 6024, LLC 1210 Morena West LLC

1230 Zion, LLC 1700 Eubank, LLC

1997 GRP Limited Partnership 2151 Highland Partners, LLC 2885 Gender Road, LLC

30X30 34th Street Lubbock Partners, LLC

3200 Hwy 13, LLC

4100 Tomlynn Street-Rebkee, LLC and Tomlynn Street-Fountainhead, LLC 4116 OBT Investments, LLC 425 Broadway RE Holdings LLC & 431

Broadway RE Holdings LLC 4801 Washtenaw LLC

5737-5848 North Elizabeth Street Holdings,

LLC

6001 Powerline, LLC

65 Holmes Investment Partners LLC

6588 LLC

7000 S May Ave, LLC 801 South Ft. Hood, LLC

900-71, LLC

A. Roland Kimbrell Trust

Acorn Ridge Properties LLC, JDM Capital,

LLC, MO Partners LLC, Confluence

Investment LLC Afreight Holdings, LLC

AJDC 2, LLC

Albany Plaza Shopping Center LLC

Alisan LLC and Roseff LLC

All American Association, LLC and Yvonne

Keff

Allentex, LP

Amerco Real Estate Company

AMG Properties Inc. Amplify Credit Union Anderson Plaza, LLC

Arch Village Management Realty LLC

Ares Holdings, L.L.C. Arizona Mills Mall, LLC

AR-Park Shopping Center, LLC and JSP-

Park Shopping Center, LLC Atlanta Industrial TT, LLC

B.J. McCord d/b/a McCord Business Center

B33 Broadview Village LLC

Baldwin Gardens, Inc.

Bane Holdings of Tallahassee, LLC

Banner Partners, LLC Bardstown S.C., LLC BC Airport, LLC Bell-51st, LLC Belt 98, Inc.

Berryessa Plaza LLC BG Plaza, LLC

Boatlanding Development Co., Inc.

Bostick Development, L.C. BRC Hendersonville, LLC

BRE Mariner Venice Shopping Center LLC BRE Retail NP Festival Centre Owner LLC

Brierwood Village LLC Brighton Landmark, LLC Brixmor Holdings 8 SPE, LLC

Brixmor SPE 5 LLC Brixton Rogue, LLC

Brookhill V Acquisition, LLC

Brooksville Commercial Properties, LLC

and Oak Tree Lane, LLC Brown Deer Mall, LLC Bruce Howe Trust

BSW/DMW Properties LLC Cafaro Leasing Company, LTD.

Candler RD Plaza GA LLC Cedar Golden Triangle, LLC

Centerpoint 550, LLC Centerview Plaza, LLC

Central Mall Port Arthur Realty Holding,

LLC

Certified Capital, LP, Horowitz Holdings, LLC, Asset Acquisitions, LLC, and 3610

Partners, GP

CETA Group Limited Partnership

Chapel Hills Realty LLC, Chapel Hills CH

LLC, and Chapel Hills Nassim LLC Charleigh Davis and TCCB Properties

Chicago Title & Trust Company, As Trustee Under Trust Agreement Dated 10/10/1984

and Known as Trust No. 1086065

Chillicothe Shopping Center, LP Chris McCarty Company, LLC Cielo Paso Las Tiendas, L.P.

Circle City Property Group Inc. Citimark Charleston, LLC

CJM Limited Liability Limited Partnership

Clear Creek Brothers - CV, LLC

Clear Lake Center, L.P. Clendenin Partners CLPF-Essex Green, LLC

Cobblestone Square Company, Ltd. ColFin 2015-2 Industrial Owner, LLC

Colony Mills Enterprises, LLC

Combined Properties Limited Partnership Commercial Properties Associates, LLP Concord Retail Investment Group, LLC Core MR Westview, LLC Costco-Innovel Owner LLC Costco-Innovel Properties LLC

Creekstone/Juban I, LLC

Crossing Point LLC

Crossroads Centre II, LLC Crossroads Plaza, LLC

Crossroads Sunset Holdings, LLC Cuyahoga Investments, LLC

CWP/Arlington LLC D3 New Albany, LLC

Daniel G. Kamin Wadsworth Enterprises

Daniel P. Hagaman

Danville Riverside Partners, LLC

Daytona Commons, LLC DCT Presidents Drive LLC DDR Carolina Pavilion LP

Dennis R. Phillips Revocable Trust

Derby Improvements, LLC

DES 2015, LLC and CJCM, LLC-Series

CV505

Dixie Manor, LLC

Donna M. Rainwater & Larry J. Rainwater Donna Rainwater Reece, Larry J. Rainwater, R. Bryan Whitmire and Karla J. Whitmire Douglas C. Foyt and Trailers for Sale or

Rent, Inc.

Dyn Sycamore Investments, L.L.C.

E & L Investments LLC E.W. Thompson, Inc. Eagle Water, LLC

Eagle-North Hills Shopping Centre LP
Eastlake Edison LLC and Eastlake Milford

LLC

Economy Square, Inc.

Ellis Chai LLC Esue LLC

Ethan Conrad Properties, Inc. Excel Realty Partners, L.P.

Exchange Right Value-Add Portfolio 2

Master Lessee, LLC

F.M.K., LLC

Fairview Heights Realty, LLC and Fairview

Nassim LLC

Fall River Shopping Center North, LLC

Faye Gross

Fiddler's Run, LLC Fivel Family, LLC Fox Jr. Development Inc.

Franklin Mills Associates Limited

Partnership

Franklin Towne Plaza LLC Frayer Enterprises, LLC

Fredric Singer

Front Street Kansas City, LLC FSC West Covina, LLC FSH Galleria Plaza, LLC G&I X Industrial IN LLC Gamble Brothers, LLC

Gary Mehan, DBA G.M. Properties Gateway Retail Partner III, LLC

Gateway South, LLC #1

GBUZZ, LLC GCP Boom, LLC Giuffre IV, LLC

GKI Industrial Dallas, LLC Glendale Galleria Center, LLC GLL BVK Properties, L.P. Gosula Holdings Ltd.

Gravois Bluffs East 8-A, LLC

Greater Orlando Aviation Authority

Greenfield Plaza LLC

Greenlight Development, LLC

GRH Goodyear LLC, Gaston Holdings LLC, and MRH Venture Capital LLC

Gridley Square Property, LLC

GS Centennial LLC Gulson Retail LLC Halltown Farms, LLC

Hankins Real Estate Partnership

Hart & Hart Corp. Henry Fine Trust

Hidden Hill Road Associates, LLC High Cotton Palisades, LLC, High Cotton Shoals, LLC and Pharo Palisades I, LLC

Himaloy Taylor LLC

HM Peachtree Corners I LLC Hogan Holdings 56, LLC

HV Center LLC, HV Center TIC 1 LLC,

and HV Center TIC 2 LLC IH 35 Loop 340 Investors, LTD.

IH-10 Hayden, Ltd.

Indian Trail Square, LLC

Inland Commercial Real Estate Services

LLC

Innovation Realty IN, LLC

Integra CRE, LLC

IRC Park Center Plaza, L.L.C.

Ireland Corner, LLC

Isador Schreiber & Associates, LLC J & F Gainesville Properties, LLC J&L Development Company, LLC

Jackson Street Group, LLC

Jeffnan U.S.A. Inc. JHG Properties, LLC JMK5 Winchester, LLC JMW Hebron, LLC

Joe Amato East End Centre, LP JRF Texas Properties, LLC JSM Land Group, LLC

Kelley Commercial Realty, LLC and

Stephanie D. Kelley

Keyser Oak Investors, LLC

KGI Military LLC Kin Properties Inc.

Kings Mountain Investments

Kingsport Green AC Managing Company,

LLC

Kinsman Investors Kitty Wells, Inc. KMD, LLC

KRG Houston Royal Oaks Village II, LLC

KRG Plaza Green, LLC

L.W. Miller Holding Company

Laurie Industries, Inc., Kinpark Associates

and Fundamentals Company

Lawrence F. Kolb & Catherine M. Kolb, Trustees of The Lawrence F. Kolb and Catherine M. Kolb JLRT U/A/D April 12, 2018 and 2233 & 2235 MO Blvd, LLC

LBD Properties, LLC

LCRF, LLC

LDC Silvertree, LLC Leland J3, LLC

Leveraged Holdings, L.L.C. Lexington 2770, LLC

Lichtefeld Development Trust Lidl US Operations, LLC Lincoln Associates

LIT-ENVP Limited Partnership

LoLo Enterprises, LLC

Lovell 2.5, LLC

LU Candlers Station Holdings, LLC

Lynch Butler M3 Ventures, LLC Macon Center, LLC

Malco T.I.C.

Mall at Potomac Mills, LLC Marathon Management, LLC

Marc NaperW LLC and NaperW, LLC

MarketFair North, LLC

McRae Mortgage & Investments, LLC

Meditrina Properties, LLC

Melvin C. McClung, Trustee of the Tommie

Louise McClung Family Trust

Menard, Inc. Merchant 33 LLC

Merchant's Investors, LLC

Meredith, Inc.

Midwest Commercial Funding, LLC Missouri Boulevard Investment Company,

LLC

Mobile Highway 4500, LLC Mojack Holdings, LLC

Mongia Capital Michigan, LLC

Moon Village, LLC Morningside Plaza, L.P.

MR Stealth LLC

Muenchens Unlimited, LLC NDF III MJ Crossing, LLC New Bern Development LLC New Plaza Management, LLC Newport Crossing Investors, LLC

Niagara Falls 778, LLC

North County Columbia Realty, LLC Northern McFadden Limited Partnership

Northside Village Conyers, LLC Northtowne Center Investors, LLC

Oak Forest Group, LTD Okee Realty Associates, LLC

Old Orchard, LLC One Home Realty, Inc. One Land Company, LLC One Oak Investments, LLC Osborne Properties Limited Partnership

Oxford Street Huntsville P & S Axelrod, L.L.C. P&H Investments, LLC Pacifica Muskegon, LLC Parker-Anderson, LLC Parkway Mall, LLC

PCRIF Spring Park Holdings, LLC

Pensacola Corners LLC PFIILP - Parr Boulevard, LLC

Pilchers Summit Limited Partnership

Pinellas Park Square, LLC Piqua Investment Partners, LLC PK II El Camino North L.P.

Plaza North Shopping Center, LLC

Polk County Partners, LLC

Port St. Lucie Plaza I, II, III, LLC Prattville Partners, Limited Partnership Prologis Targeted U.S. Logistics Fund, L.P.

Pullman Square Associates
Rainbow Investment Co.

Randall M. Schulz

Ravi Randal Investment Group, LLC

RE Pecan, LLC

Realty Income Corporation

Regions Bank as Trustee of the Thomas H.

Willings Jr. Family Trust Repwest Insurance Company

Richard Briggs and John Nathan Briggs, as

Trustees of the Stephanie R. Briggs

Irrevocable Trust dated October 15, 2009; and Stephanie R. Briggs and John Nathan Briggs, as Trustees of the Richard M. Briggs Irrevocable Trust dated October 15, 2009

Ridgewater Commerce LLC Rini Realty Company River Oaks Properties, Ltd. Riverdale Center North, LLC Riverplace Shopping Center, LLC Rock N Roll Development, LLC

Rockhill Center, LLC Rodi Road 501, LLC

Rogers Commercial Properties, LLC

Rose & Rose, LLC

RPI Ridgmar Town Square, Ltd.

RRG LLC

Sabatine BK Development, LLC

Saia Family Limited Partnership

Sarabara Corp.

Sav 15000 Abercorn, LLC

Sears Authorized Hometown Stores, LLC

SEK 7753, LLC

Shrewsbury Village Limited Partnership

Sissel Juliano

SJN Realty Holdings, LLC

Slidell Athletic Club Property, L.L.C.

Somera Road - Athens Georgia II, LLC

South Tulsa Storage, LLC

Southern Hills Center, Ltd.

Southgate Properties, LLC

Southtown Plaza Realty LLC and

Southtown Nassim LLC

Southview Dothan Investors, LLC

Space For Lease of Tennessee

State Road 4201, LLC

Stature High Ridge, LLC

Sterling Equities II, LLC

Stewart & Hamilton Properties, LLC

Stone Mountain Square Shopping

Center, LLC

SVR Investments, LLC

SW 17th Street 1010, LLC

Sylvan Park Apartments, LLC

T.B.R. Property Group, LLC

T18 Investments, LLC

Tanglewood Venture, LLC

TB Garrett Creek, LLC

TBF Group Battle Creek, LLC

TCP Enterprise Parkway, LLC

Tejas Center, LTD.

Tenalok, LLC

Texas Main Street, LLC

The Collins Investment Trust

TKC CCXXXIX, LLC

TKG Colerain Towne Center, LLC

TKG Cranston Development, L.L.C.

TKG Fairhaven Commons, LLC

TLP 4782 Muhlhauser LLC

Tops Holding, LLC

Town Real Estate Enterprises, LLC

Tucson Speedway Square, LLC

Tumon Bay Resort & Spa, LLC

Turfway Baceline, LLC

Two by Two Properties, LLC

Tycer Heirs Separate Property, LLC

University Realty Associates, LLC

US Investments

Victory River Square, LLC

Vishal Kalmia Plaza, LLC

W.H. Warehouse, L.L.C.

Wal-Austin, LLC

Warner Robins Perlmix, LLC

Watson Village Retail, LLC

Waverly Plaza Shopping Center, Inc.

West County Investors, LLC

Weston SCIP 2 LLC

Westphal Leasing, LLC

Westside Village Shopping Center of Rome,

Inc.

WFD Investments, L.L.C.

White Lane, LLC

Whitehall Crossing D, LLC

William Shane Courtney

Woodcrest Akers, LLC

Woodforest Mini-City Partners, LP and

JLCM Partners, LP, TIC

Wylds 1708, LLC

YEK #9, LLC

York Realty Investment, LLC

Significant Counterparties to Material

Agreements

Capturis

Engie Resources LLC

Significant Litigation Matters

Charles Knight

Health Advocate

Gale et al [Class Action]

Joseph F Gazzo III

Matthew Giffuni

Quadre Investment Advisors LLC

Buddy's Mac Holdings, LLC

Professionals

AlixPartners LLP

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Ducera Partners LLC

Ernst & Young

Evercore LP

Foley & Lardner LLP

Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, LLP

Gordon Brothers Asset Advisors, LLC

Grant Thornton LLP

Guggenheim Securities, LLC

Hilco Merchant Resources, LLC

Hilco Real Estate, LLC

Holland & Knight, LLP

Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC

Landis Rath & Cobb LLP

Latham & Watkins LLP

Lazard Group LLC

M3 Advisory Partners, LP

Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP

Paul Hastings LLP

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Whaton & Garrison

LLP

Petrillo Klein & Boxer LLP

Porter Wright Morris & Arthur LLP

Ryan, LLC

Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP

Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP

White & Case LLP

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP

Other Parties

BCDC Portfolio Owners LLC

BCHO Owner LLC

National Retail Properties, LP

DE - Judges

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Schedule 2

Disclosures – Franchise Group, Inc.

- (a) Affiliates of Hilco employ the following individuals who previously were associated with the Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring section of the law firm of Young Conaway Stargatt & Taylor, LLP ("YCST") in Wilmington, Delaware: (i) Ian S. Fredericks, Chief Executive Officer of Hilco Merchant Resources, LLC ("HMR"); and (ii) David Peress, Executive Vice President of Hilco IP Services, LLC ("Hilco Streambank"). Mr. Fredericks and Mr. Peress left YCST in 2008 and 2000, respectively. While at YCST, the Honorable Brendan L. Shannon and the Honorable John T. Dorsey were partners in the Bankruptcy and Corporate Restructuring sections.
- (b) In 2018, Mr. Peress was an expert witness in an Adversary Proceeding emanating from the In re Aerogroup Int'l, Inc., *et al.*, bankruptcy case pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, Case No. 17-11962 (KJC). YCST and the Honorable John T. Dorsey were co-counsel to Hilco Streambank's client, THL Lending, in that matter. Any such engagements described herein involved matters unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases.
- (c) While at Ashby & Geddes, P.A., the Honorable Karen B. Owens provided legal services to Affiliates of Hilco in matters unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases.
- (d) HMR, together with its syndication partner Gordon Brothers Retail Partners, LLC ("<u>Gordon Brothers</u>"), is currently providing store closing services for the Debtors at certain of the Debtors' retail locations that have been designated by Debtors' management for the Closing Stores.
- (e) Joseph Malfitano, Senior Managing Director and Global Head Transaction Counsel of Gordon Brothers, was previously employed by Hilco Trading.
- (f) Hilco Real Estate, LLC ("<u>HRE</u>"), an affiliate of Hilco, provides lease acquisition, disposition, and restructuring services to its commercial real estate clients. HMR interacts with commercial landlords in connection with providing retail inventory disposition and store closing services. In the course of providing such services, HMR and/or HRE may have transacted with one or more of the parties-in-interest identified as landlords of the Debtors, on matters unrelated to the Debtors, including but not limited to (i) Arizona Mills Mall, LLC, (ii) Banner Partners, LLC, (iii) Brixmor Holdings 8 SPE, LLC, (iv) Brixmor SPE 5 LLC, (v) DDR Carolina Pavillion LP, (vi) Inland Commercial Real Estate Services LLC, (vii) KRG Plaza Green, LLC, (viii) Mall at Potomac Mills, LLC, (ix) Menard, Inc., (x) Old Orchard, LLC, (xi) Rainbow Investment Co., (xii) Realty Income Capital, (xiii) Riverplace Shopping Center, LLC, (xiv) Rockhill Center, LLC, (xv) Shrewsbury Village Limited Partnership, (xvi) Tanglewood Venture, LLC, (xvii) Tops Holding, LLC, (xviii) Tucson Speedway Square, LLC, and (xix) Waverly Plaza Shopping Center, Inc. Hilco does not believe these connections create a conflict of interest with the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases.

- (g) In matters unrelated to the Debtors, affiliates of Hilco have or are currently performing consulting, asset advisory, asset valuation, asset due diligence, IPv4 brokerage, or disposition services for, or related to loans made by or to, the following entities or affiliates thereof: (i) Google LLC; (ii) GE Electric and GE Electric Haier US Appliance; (iii) JPMorgan Chase Bank; (iv) Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC; (v) Lowes Companies, Inc.; (vi) Office Depot; (vii) Sealy Mattress Manufacturing Company; and (viii) Steve Silver Company. Additionally, in the course of providing asset advisory services in previous matters unrelated to the Debtors, HMR worked with John Hartmann, categorized as a director or officer of the Debtors, in his capacity as an officer or director of a previous HMR client.
- (h) From time to time, Hilco and/or its affiliates have collaborated with or engaged the professional services of (i) AlixPartners LLP, (ii) Arena Capital Partners, LLC, which may be an affiliate of Arena Capital Advisors, LLC, (iii) Evercore LP, (iv) Davis Polk and Wardell, (v) Deloitte & Touche LLP, (vi) Gordon Rees Scully & Mansukhani LLP, (vii) Guggenheim Securities, LLC, (viii) Ducera Partners LLC, (ix) Ernst & Young LLP, (x) Holland & Knight LLP, (xi) Latham & Watkins LLP, (xii) Monroe Capital, which may be an affiliate of Monroe Capital MML CLO XI, Ltd. and Monroe Capital MML CLO XII, Ltd., (xiii) Oaktree Capital, which may be an affiliate of Oaktree Opportunities Fun XII, L.P., (xiv) Paul Hastings LLP, (xv) Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLC, (xvi) Ryan LLC, (xvii) Troutman Pepper Hamilton Sanders LLP, (xviii) Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, (xix) YCST, (xx) Foley & Lardner LLP, (xxi) Grant Thornton LLP, (xxii) Morris, Nichols, Arsht & Tunnell LLP, (xxiii) Kroll Restructuring Administration LLC, (xxiv) Lazard Group LLC, (xxv) Landis Rath & Cobb LLP, and (xxvi) Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, in matters unrelated to the Debtors.
- (i) Hilco Trading and certain affiliated subsidiaries are parties to a credit facility in which JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. ("J.P. Morgan") is a participatory lender. Additionally, J.P. Morgan provides investment banking services to Hilco Trading in connection with matters unrelated to the Debtors.
- (j) Hilco Brands, LLC, an affiliate of Hilco, purchased certain assets from B. Riley in matters unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases.
- (k) Hilco Investment Advisors, LLC, an affiliate of Hilco, is a party to a Master Services Agreement with Alter Domus (US), LLC.
- (l) Because of the magnitude of the entire creditor list in these chapter 11 cases, it is possible that Hilco may represent or may have represented other creditors of the Debtors but does not represent any such creditors in connection with these chapter 11 cases. Hilco presently or in the past has served as a professional person in other matters, wholly unrelated to the Debtors or these chapter 11 cases, in which other attorneys, accountants, and other professionals of the Debtors, creditors, or other parties in interest may have also served or serve as professional persons.